

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Stumpf at 7:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Selectmen's Conference Room at Town Offices. The meeting was live cablecast.

In attendance were Chairman S. Jon Stumpf, John Barry, Linn Anderson, Margaret (Peggy) Kruse, Joanne Marden, Paul Fortier, and Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt. Also present was Donna Walsh. Absent was Greg Serrao.

Minutes of March 19th Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Kruse and seconded by Ms. Anderson, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 19th Meeting with the following amendments. The motion passed 7-0.

*March 5th Minutes – Correction of amendment**Page 1, last paragraph, second sentence*

"The Conservation Land Acquisition (anticipated purchase of land adjacent to the Reichhold project now defunct) was eliminated. \$350,000 has been added for AHS renovation study."

Amend all votes to read: "voted to recommend approval of this warrant article" or "voted to recommend disapproval of this warrant article."

Page 3, first paragraph: replace "approve" with "insert."

DPW-1 and P&F-5: replace "warrant article" with "CIP item."

Minutes of Joint Meeting – March 1

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Fortier and seconded by Ms. Moffitt, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the March 1st Joint Meeting with the following amendment. The motion passed 5-0-2, with Mr. Barry and Ms. Kruse abstaining.

Page 3, second paragraph, third sentence: Replace "This position will" with "A future position would".

Minutes of Joint Meeting – March 3

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Moffitt, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the March 3rd Joint Meeting. The motion passed 5-0-2, with Mr. Fortier and Ms. Kruse abstaining.

Warrant Articles**Article 43: Town Building and Facility Maintenance - \$507,000**

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Fortier, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 43 for less than the requested \$507,000, deducting the item for projection and sound upgrade of \$40,000, leaving a total recommended amount of \$467,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 39: Town and School Energy Initiatives - \$236,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Kruse and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 39. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 41: Town Playground Replacements and Handicapped Accessibility - \$150,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Mr. Fortier and seconded by Ms. Kruse, it was voted to recommend approval of Article 41 in the amount of \$150,000. Motion passed 6-1, with Ms. Marden opposing.

Article 5: FY-2015 Capital Projects Fund Appropriation - \$2,370,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Mr. Barry and seconded by Ms. Kruse, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 5 in the amount of \$2,370,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 21: GIS Update - \$30,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Marden and seconded by Ms. Kruse, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 21 in the amount of \$30,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 58: Water and Sewer Rate Study - \$100,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Kruse, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 58 in the amount of \$100,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 22: Fire Hydrant Infrastructure - \$500,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Mr. Fortier and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 22 in the amount of \$500,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 60: Sewer Master Plan Study - \$100,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Fortier, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 60 in the amount of \$100,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 53: Water and Sewer Vehicles - \$85,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Mr. Fortier and seconded by Ms. Kruse, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 53 in the amount of \$85,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 62: Water Maintenance - \$300,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Marden and seconded by Ms. Kruse, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 62 in the amount of \$300,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 24: BallardVale Fire Station Restoration - \$500,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Kruse, it was unanimously voted to recommend disapproval of Article 24 in the amount of \$500,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 25: BallardVale Fire Station Land Purchase - \$200,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Mr. Fortier and seconded by Ms. Kruse, it was unanimously voted to recommend disapproval of Article 25 in the amount of \$200,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 26: BallardVale Fire Station Addition - \$200,000

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Kruse and seconded by Ms. Moffitt, it was unanimously voted to recommend disapproval of Article 26 in the amount of \$200,000. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 29: An Act Providing for Limited Property Tax Relief for Certain Elder Citizens

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Moffitt and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend disapproval of Article 29. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 31: Andover Retirement Board Member Stipend

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Fortier, it was unanimously voted to recommend disapproval of Article 31. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 32: COLA Increase for Andover Retirees

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Moffitt and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend disapproval of Article 32. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 28: SCRPT – Senior Tax Work-Off Program

Following discussion, it was agreed to table this warrant article pending further information.

Article 3: Salaries of Elected Officials

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Fortier and seconded by Ms. Kruse, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 3. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 9: Free Cash

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Marden and seconded by Ms. Kruse, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 3 in the amount of \$0.00 free cash be used. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 11A: Grant Program Authorization**Article 11B: Road Contracts****Article 11D: Property Tax Exemptions****Article 11E: Contracts in Excess of Three Years****Article 11F: Accepting Easements**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Marden and seconded by Mr. Fortier, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Articles 11A, 11B, 11D, 11E, and 11F. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 12: Granting Easements

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Kruse and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 12. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 14: Chapter 90 Authorizations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Fortier and seconded by Ms. Kruse, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 14. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 15: Jerry Silverman Fireworks

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 15. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 16: FY2015 Revolving Accounts

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Kruse and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 16. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 17: Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Fortier and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 14. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 23: Petition Legislature – Health Insurance Benefits for Elected Officials

Following discussion, upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Marden, it was voted to recommend approval of Article 23. Motion passed 7-0.

Remaining Warrant Articles

The Committee agreed to table the following warrant articles pending further information:

Article 4: FY2015 Budget
Article 6: Budget Transfers
Article 7: Supplemental Budget Appropriations
Article 8: Stabilization Fund
Article 10: Unexpended Appropriations
Article 11G: Rescinding of Bond Authorizations
Article 13: Unpaid Bills
Article 18: Support for Civic Events
Article 27: Senior Citizen Service Needs Study Program
Article 30: Exempt Debt Premium
Article 33: Overlay Surplus (Property Tax Revaluation)
Article 40: Technology Hardware & Software
Article 44: Water Storage Tank Transfer
Article 47: Annual Computer Workstation & Laptop Replacement Program
Article 48: Ledge Road Landfill Stabilization Fund
Article 49: Bond Premium Stabilization Fund
Article 50: Stabilization Fund Bond Premium
Article 55: Open Space Management
Article 56: Transfer of Open Space Land Acquisition Bonding Appropriation
Article 66: Andover Dog Park Appropriation
Article 67: Andover Dog Park – Dog License Fees

No Position Needed

The Committee agreed that the position of the Finance Committee is not needed for the following warrant articles:

Article 1: Annual Town Election
Article 2: Election Not Required by Ballot
Article 11C: Town Report
Article 34: Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Medical Marijuana Overlay District
Article 35: Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Special District Regulations – Medical Marijuana Treatment Facility
Article 36: Medical Marijuana Overlay District – River Road
Article 37: Medical Marijuana Overlay District – Lowell Junction Road
Article 38: Medical Marijuana Overlay District – Dascomb Road
Article 54: Bylaw Amendment – Banners in the General Business District
Article 57: Land Acquisition – Chandler Road
Article 59: Abandon Old Layout of Lowell Junction Road
Article 61: Street Acceptance – Dawn Circle
Article 63: Bylaw Amendment – Mobile Food Vendors
Article 64: Constitutional Amendment – Corporate Political Contributions
Article 65: General Bylaw Amendment – Animal Control

Future Meetings

Mr. Stumpf advised the Committee that all remaining warrant articles would be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee on Monday, March 31st @ 7:00 pm. He advised members to be prepared for a three-hour meeting in light of the heavy agenda and Joint Meeting.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Fortier and seconded by Mr. Barry, the Committee voted to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford
Recording Secretary

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Minutes of March 1 and March 3 Joint Meetings